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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the examination thereof, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please rewrite claims 3-6 and 10-13 as set forth below.

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3. (Amended) The joint construction of cobalt-based alloy according to claim 1, wherein said insert metal layer contains an element diffused from said base metal portion and cobalt diffused from said cobalt-based alloy portion.